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# *The Aerie*

DeLand-Weldon High School

Community Unit District No. 57

304 East Illinois Route 10--DeLand, Illinois 61839

*Home of the Eagles*



MR. THOMAS BIRGE--SUPERINTENDENT  
1995-2005

**Best of Luck in your Retirement!**

# Goodbye, Mr. Eatock...



It was a cold rainy day before spring break when I had the chance to interview Mr. Eatock. We sat in the always cold biology room. Mr. Eatock is a very well educated man; some of his knowledge came from Eastern Illinois University. Here is where he received his Bachelor's Degree in 1964, and just two years later, he received his Master's Degree. As you may or may not have known, he began working here at DeLand-Weldon in the school year of 1972-73. Mr. Eatock was not hired for biology or any science courses (Can you believe it?). He was originally hired as a guidance counselor and to teach two English courses. I think that we all will remember Mr. Eatock as being the biology teacher. Even though he is skilled in teaching English, he prefers to teach biology I. This is a course, which he never really intended to teach at all. He believes there are so many ideas to pass along and many of the students enjoy the course, even if it is difficult. After taking one of Mr. Eatock's biology I class, many students go on to take biology II. This is the class where students dissect a shark and a cat. Mr. Eatock estimated that he has dissected 100 cats in the past. He said that the cat was his favorite thing to dissect because there are more parts to learn and it takes the most time to finish.



I asked Mr. Eatock what his favorite memory was from teaching here, what he was going to miss most, what his plans were after he retires, and what he would have done with his life if he had not become a teacher. He shared an interesting experience with me. He said that one year there was a terrible snowstorm, bad enough to get snowed in. He and some other teachers ended up staying the night in the teachers' lounge because their cars were stuck under the snow in a ditch. He will miss his friends among the teachers and the enthusiasm among some of the students. He said he has nothing planned to do after he retires and he thinks that he will be very good at it. What I thought would be very interesting to know is what he would have done if he were not a teacher. His response to this was that he would have probably gone into social service work. This is very different from dissecting pigs, sharks, and cats.



I know I won't forget what he has taught me and all the notes that he made us take in his classes. His knowledge, experience in teaching, and he, as a person, will be missed greatly. There won't be a person that can take his place in all of our hearts. I wish the best for him in his retirement. I hope that he takes the time to travel to wherever he wishes to go, read his favorite author, Charles Dickens, and even do some woodcarving. I think I can say for many of us that Mr. Eatock has been an inspiration to us. Thank you for taking so many years of your life and dedicating them to teaching students like me. You will not be forgotten. Thank you once again.

~Kendra Moore ~







...we'll miss you!

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Spanish



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English, Speech,  
Drama



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Art



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Math, Science



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Psychology,  
Sociology



S. Schlesinger  
Band, Chorus



M. Tatum  
Science, Home  
Ec



R. Waddell  
Math



M. Willis  
Work Study

# What Happens in



**Chemistry**



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Students enjoy their annual field trip to Dos Reales restaurant in Champaign.



# DWHS Classes?

## GEOMETRY



## HISTORY



## ART



# Awards Day

12 May 2005



Brandon Rost receives the Student Council Athlete of the Year Award from Johnson Flanagan.



Mr. Waddell presents an Outstanding Math Student Award from ICTM to Johnson Flanagan.



Drama Awards were presented by Mr. DeJaynes to: Heather Johnston (Best Supporting Actress); Johnson Flanagan (Best Actor); Kendra Moore (Best Actress); and Nick Summar (Best Supporting Actor).

Kyle Moore receives the John Philips Sousa Award from Mrs. Schlesinger.



Mrs. Sullivan presents a Technology Award to Kyle Moore.



Mrs. Schilawski presented Kyle Moore and Johnson Flanagan with the President's Award for Educational Excellence.





Neil Jacobs, Kyle Moore, and Samantha Day received Perfect Attendance Awards from Mr. Brashear.

Track Team members Jarad Jones and Neil Jacobs received ribbons from Mr. Waddell.



Mr. Brashear presents PSAE Awards to Johnson Flanagan, G.W. Mank, and Kyle Moore for exceeding standard scores on the PSAE.



Recipients of Band & Chorus Awards with Mrs. Schlesinger.



John Antonnetti



Joe Bateman



Jered Crull



Samantha Day



Brittney Hoffman



Molly Ingersoll



Brittney Norfleet



C.J. Polombo



Hannah Reynolds



Jeremy Swoverland



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Joshua Taylor



Tiffany Varnel



Jennifer Weddle



Caitlin Williams



**Class Officers:** (L-R) Jennifer Weddle, Caitlin Williams, Josh Taylor, John Antonnetti, Hannah Reynolds.



Ms. Jeans



Mrs. Schilawski





Brittany Fisher



Keegan Followell



Craig Fry



Holden Huisinga



Neil Jacobs



Jarad Jones



Kelly Mank



Brett Masters



Vanessa Reynolds



Brittany Rost



Tyler Weaver

# CLASS OF '07







**Class Officers:**(L-R) Kelly Mank, Brittany Rost, Neil Jacobs, Tyler Weaver.



Mrs. Cruikshank



Mrs. Schlesinger





Ashley Arnold



Aleyna Carsel



Hilary Dalton



Siarah Flanagan



Miika Garret



Kendra Moore



Jonathan Rodriguez



Mrs. Bragg  
Sponsor



Mrs. Herrmann  
Sponsor



Mrs. Willis  
Sponsor

# Class of '06







**Class Officers:**(L-R) Kendra Moore, Ashley Arnold, Hilary Dalton, Siarah Flanagan, Miika Garrett.



# Siblings at DWHS



Craig & Keith Fry

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Brittany & Brandon Rost



Molly & Benny Ingersoll

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Brittany & Matt Fisher



Johnson & Siarah  
Flanagan

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G.W. & Kelly Mank



Kendra & Kyle Moore

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Jackie & Mike Sinks



# Class of 2005

*Bethanie Alene Bensken*

*Matthew Alan Fisher*

*Johnson Charles Flanagan*

*Keith Raymond Fry*

*Benjamin Richard Ingersoll*

*Heather Renne Johnston*

*Samuel Jacob Lawrence*

*Gerald Wayne Mank*

*Kyle Micheal Phillip Moore*

*Nicole Annette Neal*

*Krista Beth Reynolds*

*Brandon Dean Rost*

*Nicholas Kyle Summar*

*Jon Robert Thomas*





## Bethanie Alene Bensken

**Chorus:** 2; **Basketball:** 2; **Volleyball:** 2,3,4; **Student Council:** 4; **Drama:** 2,4; **Yearbook:** 2,3; **Lifesavers:** 3,4; **Track:** 2,4; **Cheerleading:** 3.

*"A friend is a person who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."*



**Chorus:** 1; **Basketball:** 1,2,3;  
**Baseball:** 1,2; **Yearbook:** 2,3,4.

## Matthew Alan Fisher

*"I didn't do it!"*





## Johnson Charles Flanagan

**Band:** 1,2,3,4 (President); **Chorus:** 3,4;  
**Class Officer:** 1 (Student Council), 2,3,4  
(Vice President); **Basketball:** 4; **Student  
Council:** 1,2,3,4 (President); **Drama:** 3,4  
(President) **Livesavers:** 2,3 (Vice  
President), 4 (President); **Scholastic Bowl:**  
1,2,3,4; **National Honor Society:** 2,3,4.



*"Whenever life gets you down, cast your eyes to the sky."*

*"It is a mistake to look too far ahead. The chain of  
destiny can only be grasped one link at a time."*



**Yearbook:** 3,4.

Keith Raymond Fry

# **We, the Senior Class of 2005, being of sound mind and body, do bequeath the following:**

I, Bethanie Bensken, will the following:

To: Brittany Rost - There is nothing that I can possibly will you that you don't have; You are smart, and beautiful and a wonderful person! I will you the ability to realize all of these things.

To: Samantha Day - I will you the ability to stay strong, and stand up for yourself! Oh - and I will you a B+!

To: Jen - I will you the ability to talk & sit with your boyfriend! I also will you all the prepiness I have!

To: Kendra and Siarah - I will you the ability to shop 'til you drop!

To: All the students left at D-W - I will you the ability to make your high school all it can be! To be the best person that you can be, and finally to STOP TALKING BAD ABOUT EACH OTHER!!

I, Matthew Fisher, will the following:

To: Brittany Fisher - The ability to get through the rest of high school without me.

To: Josh Taylor - The ability to stop listening to other people's conversations.

To: Mr. DeJaynes - The ability to help someone the way you helped me; without you I wouldn't have made it! Thanks a lot.

I, Johnson Flanagan, will the following:

To: Craig Fry - My PE shoes, or what is left of them.

To: Samantha Day - Anything Orange.

To: The Basketball Team - The ability to actually smile in a picture.

I, Keith Fry, will the following:

To: Craig - The ability to go to the Swiss Alps and yell, "RECOLA!"

To: Holden - The ability to become a professional turkey caller.

To: Paco - A Chicken.

To: Miika - The ability to keep her hands to herself!



I, Benjamin Ingersoll, will the following:

To: Holden Huisinga - The ability to play dodgeball one time each year in PE, and to be a great fisherman like the Ingersolls.

To: Craig Fry - To take over my PE locker--Number 25.

To: Brett Masters - the ability to live without hairnets and bandanas.

To: The people that play Halo - The ability to be as good as the "Elite Four."

To: Some of the Sophomore and Freshman boys - The ability to use deodorant.

I, Heather Johnston, will the following:

To: Miika - The ability to avoid the drama for ONE more year!

To: Brittany R. - The ability to stop being a "prep."

To: Brittany H. - The ability to like ONE guy at a time and, the ability to grow a couple of inches taller.

To: Kendra - The ability to put up with your brother.

To: Caitlin - Hair like mine, and the ability to get along with the teachers long enough to graduate.

I, Sam Lawrence, will the following:

To: Keith - A hammer

To: Fryboy - Someone else to go to Champaign with while I am in college. Just remember 8984352!

To: Mrs. Herrmann - You're my favorite teacher and a good person. Best of Luck in the years to come. Stay Cool!

To: Mr. DeJaynes - It's me at the big window, and Jon at the little window. Good luck with your house!

To: Jon Carter - Stop smoking, it doesn't make you look cool.

I, G.W. Mank, will the following:

To: CJ - The ability to remain the coolest underclassman in the history of DW, besides me of course.

To: Brett - A lifetime supply of hairnets and bandanas.

To: Josh - The ability to realize that you're trying to be someone you're not.

To: Everyone - To grow up and not whine about growing up.

*Senior Wills continued on page 24.*



## Benjamin Richard Ingersoll

**Chorus:** 1,2,3; **Basketball:** 1,2,3,4;  
**Football:** 2,3,4; **Baseball:** 1; **Drama:** 4;  
**Yearbook:** 3,4; **Lifesavers:** 1,2.



*"It's Mayhem, Baby!"*



*"Everything happens for a reason."*

**Chorus:**1,3,4; **Volleyball:** 4; **Student Council:** 4; **Drama:** 4; **Yearbook:** 4;  
**Lifesavers:** 3,4.

## Heather Renee Johnston





## Samuel Jacob Lawrence

**Chorus:** 1,2,3,4 (Vice President);  
**Class Officer:** 3 (Treasurer/Secretary),  
 4 (Treasurer); **Basketball:** 1,2,3,4;  
**Football:** 2,3,4; **Baseball:** 1,2;  
**Student Council:** 4; **Yearbook:** 2,3;  
**Boy Scouts:** 1; **Homecoming**  
**Attendent:** 3.



*"Thank Heaven! The crisis/ the danger is past/ And the lingering illness/  
 Is over at last/ And the Foeer called "School" / Is conquered at last"*

*"It doesnt matter who you are. What  
 matters is making something of yourself."*



**Basketball:** 1; **Yearbook:** 2,3,4;  
**Scholastic Bowl:** 1,2

## Gerald Wayne Mank

I, Kyle Moore, will the following:

To: Kendra Moore - The ability to be known as something other than "Kyle's little sister."; Your own tree frog and my public speaking ability.

To: Siarah Flanagan - The ability to realize that County Market is better than IGA will ever be; The back seat of the nerd bowl bus; and my sense of humor.

To: Jarad Jones - My board game playing skills; My stark realism (my negativity); My amazing ability to complain; and an all you can eat Chinese buffet! (You will learn to love it!).

To: Miika Garret - The ability to go on without the seniors, my optimism, my brain, and the ability to know that if it is shaped like a cherry, it tastes like a cherry!

To: The Students left at DW - The ability to be yourselves no matter what people think; the ability to realize these are the best times of your lives, so treasure them because you can never get them back; a job at County Market, and finally the best gift one can receive, a lifetime supply of cheese!

We, Krista Reynolds and Nicole Neal, will the following:

To: Kendra Moore - to keep the obscure converstations going in 6th hour.

To: Samantha Day - To be late or go home early at least 2/5 of the week.

I, Brandon Rost, will the following:

To: Mrs. Herrmann - The ability to never forget her favorite class and to never forget how to make amazing treats on Mondays. Thanks and have fun!

To: Holden and Keegan - The ability to shoot a Booner, and don't forget all of the campouts and hunting trips we all went on. Good luck with your last 2 years of high school; they go by quickly.

To: Mr. DeJaynes - The ability to never change. You have taught me and everyone else so much. I will never forget you. Good luck with your new house. God Bless.

To: C - The ability to let the PE class play dodgeball once a year.

To: Brittany Rost - The ability to get through high school without me.

To: Gerald - The ability to keep on hunting and one day we will meet again.

I, Nicholas Summar, will the following:

To: Holden - The ability to shoot less than 500 paintballs a game.

To: Banana Man - A brother, and an eternal soul.



To: Craig Fry AKA.(Fryboy, Grammar Hammer, and the other one that I can't say.) -my magic skills.

To: Miika - to realize that I am a Nerd at heart.

To: The remaining students at DeLand-Weldon - The ability to carry on the tradition of making up amazing rumors. Without them high school wouldn't have been the same, also the ability to be nice to other lower classmen as I was to you.

I, Jon Thomas, will the following:

To: Neil - The ability to have a secret love life.

To: Mr. DeJaynes - to keep being the coolest teacher ever. You make this school almost cool enough to wanna come to every day.

To: Miika - Keep being the person I can talk to when I have a problem.

To: Ashley Arnold - the ability to put up with your sister as long as Nick did.

To: C - the ability to make up believable stories.



I, Mr. DeJaynes, being of *somewhat* sound mind and body, will the following to the graduating class of 2005:

- the ability to remember who you are and where you came from, even when you are far away;

- the ability to do your best, whatever you decide to do, and however you decide to do it;

- the ability to hold onto a few of the things I taught you—especially the things about how literature applies to life, and how things never really change, even though we learn to look at them differently.

Most of all, I wish you all happiness and love!

**Congratulations**  
**GRADUATES**



## Kyle Micheal Phillip Moore

**Band/Chorus:** 1,2,3 (Secretary/  
Treasurer), 4; **Class Officer:** (Treasurer/  
Secretary) 1,2, (President) 3,4; **Drama:**  
2,3,4; **Yearbook:** 1,2,3(Fundraiser Chair),  
4(Editor); **Scholastic Bowl:** 1,2,3,4;  
**National Honor Society:** 2,3,4.



*"What lies in your past and what lies in your future are but insignificant facts  
when compared to what lies within you."*



*"If everyone was the same, life would be  
boring."*

**Student Council:** 4; **Lifesavers:** 4; **Class  
Officer:** (Student Council) 4.

## Nicole Annette Neal





## Krista Beth Reynolds

**Chorus:** 1,2,3,4; **Class Officer:** (Student Council) 1,2, (Secretary) 3,4; **Basketball:** 1,2,3,4; **Volleyball:** 1,2; **Student Council:** 1,2,3,4; **Drama:** 3,4; **Yearbook:** 1,2,3,4; **Lifesavers:** 1; **Homecoming Attendant:** 3.



*"The Future lies before you/ Like a field of driven snow,/ Be Careful how you tread it/ For every step will show."*

*"The things that one most wants to do are the things that are probably worth doing."*



**Chorus:** 1,2, (Student Council) 3&4; **Class Officer:** 2(Student Council); **Basketball:** 1,2,3,4; **Football:** 2,3,4; **Baseball:** 1,2,3,4; **Student Council:** 1,2,3,4; **Drama:** 2,3,4; **Yearbook:** 1,2,3,4; **Lifesavers:** 1,2,3,4; **Boy Scouts:** 1,2,3,4 (Eagle Scout).

Brandon Dean Rost







## The Senior Class of 2005's Creed

1. We believe that if anything is worth doing, it would have been done already
2. We shall never move quickly, except to avoid more work or find excuses.
3. We firmly believe that tomorrow holds the possibility for new technologies, astounding discoveries, and a reprieve from our obligations.
4. We truly believe that all deadlines are unreasonable regardless of the amount of time given.
5. We shall never forget that the probability of a miracle, though infinitely small, is not exactly zero.
6. If at first we don't succeed, there is always next year.
7. We shall always decide not to decide, unless, of course, we decide to change our minds.
8. We shall always begin, start, initiate, take the first step, and/or write the first word, when we get around to it.
9. We know that the work cycle is not plan/start/finish, but is wait/plan/plan.
10. We will never put off until tomorrow, what we can forget about forever.



## Nicholas Kyle Summar

**Chorus:** 1,2,3,4; **Basketball:** 1,2,3,4;  
**Student Council:** 2,3,4(Vice President); **Drama:** 3,4; **Yearbook:** 1,2,3,4 (Vice President); **Track:** 1,2,3,4.

*"Procrastination: the art of keeping up with yesterday."*



*"Is the scooter okay?"*

**Chorus:** 3; **Basketball:** 3,4;  
**Drama:** 3,4; **Yearbook:** 3,4.

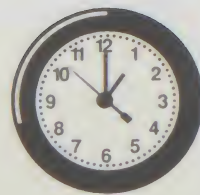
## Jon Robert Thomas







# Tempus Fugit...





## Senior Class Officers

Kyle Moore - President  
 Johnson Flanagan - Vice President  
 Krista Reynolds - Secretary  
 Samuel Lawrence - Treasurer  
 Nicole Neal - Student Council Representative

Senior Class Colors: Orange and Blue

Senior Class Flower: Rose





Activities  
at  
DeLand-Weldon

Volleyball

BASKETBALL

*Student  
Council*

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**Scholastic Bowl**

C H E E R L E A D I N G

*Drama*

Y E A R B O O K

FOOTBALL  
&  
BASEBALL

**Band & Chorus**

# D W H S D R A M A C L U B



Members of the DWHS Drama Club. Front Row (from left): Siarah Flanagan, Nick Summar, Kendra Moore, Joe Bateman. Middle Row: Krista Reynolds, Kyle Moore, Hilary Dalton, Brandon Rost. Back Row:



**Drama Club Officers:** Kendra Moore (vice-president); Brandon Rost (Student Council representative); Johnson Flanagan (President); Krista Reynolds (secretary/treasurer); Siarah Flanagan (fundraising).

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*Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player  
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage  
And then is heard no more.*

--Macbeth V, v, 27-29





## **"CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN"**

On Saturday, 16 April 2005, the Drama Club of DeLand-Weldon High school presented the three-act comedy, "Cheaper By the Dozen," a play based upon the book written by Frank Gilbreth, Jr. The cast was composed of both high school and grade school students. Members of the cast were: Johnson Flanagan, Heather Johnston, Neil Jacobs, Siarah Flanagan, Kendra Moore, Brittany Rost, Samantha Day, Joe Bateman, Nick Summar, Krista Reynolds, Kyle Moore, Hilary Dalton, Griffin Strode, Tori Boley, Adlai Sayers, and Hayden Fisher. The play was directed by Mr. DeJaynes, assisted by Ashley Arnold, student director.





# YEARBOOK



Staff of *The Aerie* are: (front row, from left): Heather Johnston, Kendra Moore, Siarah Flanagan, Hilary Dalton; (middle row): Craig Fry, Krista Reynolds, Nick Summar, Keith Fry; (back row): Mr. DeJaynes (Advisor), Benny Ingersoll, G.W. Mank, Kyle Moore (Editor), and Brandon Rost.



Yearbook Officers: (front): Kyle Moore (editor), G. W. Mank (fundraising); (back row): Nick Summar (student council rep), Krista Reynolds (secretary-treasurer), Hilary Dalton (fundraising), Kendra Moore (assistant editor).



Best of Luck to the  
Class of 2005!

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# *S T U D E N T*

# *C O U N C I L*



Student Council members (front row): Kelly Mank, Heather Johnston, Beth Bensken, Nicole Neal, Miika Garrett; (second row): Ashley Arnold, Krista Reynolds, Kendra Moore, Siarah Flanagan, Hilary Dalton, Mrs. Schilawski; (third row): Brandon Rost, Johnson Flanagan, Nick Summar, Tyler Weaver, Josh Taylor.



**Student Council Officers:** Brandon Rost (Treasurer); Kendra Moore (Secretary); Johnson Flanagan (President); Nick Summar (Vice-President).





**Annual  
High School  
Cookout**



# HOMECOMING WEEK



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# Prom 2005...

## *"A Kiss From A Rose"*



Prom 2005 was held at the Monticello Country Club on Saturday, 14 May 2005. The theme was "A Kiss From A Rose." Krista Reynolds was named Queen, and Nick Summar was crowned King.

King Nick Summar and Queen Krista Reynolds share the first dance.







# CLASS OF 2005

## GRADUATION DAY



Johnson Flanagan delivers the Valedictory Address.



Kyle Moore, Class President and Salutatorian, addresses the graduates and audience.



Spanky is just glad it's over.



# Friends forever share a special day...



You did it, Matt!



As usual, Heather looks suspiciously happy!!



Two more years, ol' buddy!



*"Will You Remember Me?"*



Heather and Johnson smile for the camera after receiving awards.



Looks of "completion."



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Nick Summar and Heather Johnston receive the U.S. Army Scholar Athlete Awards.



Mrs. Sullivan presents the DeLand-Weldon Education Association Scholarship award to Kyle Moore.



VFW Awards were presented by Mike White to Heather Johnston and Johnson Flanagan.



Brandon Rost receives the Masonic Scholarship.

Mrs. Sullivan presents Kyle Moore with the Technology Award for 2004-2005.



Joe Jackson, a 1965 graduate of DWHS, addresses the graduates and audience. He is presently head of psychology for the Miami-Dade, Florida School Districts.

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# Boys' Basketball



Front row: Craig Fry, Josh Taylor, Brandon Rost, Tyler Weaver, Nick Summar, Holden Huisinga; Standing: Coach Abramowski, Benny Ingersoll, Johnson Flanagan, Jon Thomas, Sam Lawrence, Jarad Jones.







# V o l l e y b a l l



Brittany & Sam



Ashley, Brittany, & Sam



Ashley



Caitlin



# C h e e r l e a d i n g



# Track



# Football



Jarad Jones (front), Sam Lawrence, Benny Ingersoll, and Brandon Rost played for the Cerro Gordo co-op team.



# Baseball



Brandon Rost was the only DW student to play for the Blue Ridge Co-op team this year.



# Girls' Basketball



Krista Reynolds (far left) was the only girl from DW to play for the Cerro Gordo girls' basketball team.

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Best of Luck in your retirement, Mr. Eatock.

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# From the Advisor...

I can hardly believe that another school year is over. It seems as though we just started. Maybe it's my age, but the years just seem to go by more quickly with each passing one. This year I witnessed the graduation of men and women who were freshmen when I began teaching here. And that seems like only yesterday.

I believe that this has been a good year for all of us--at least in respect to our "growth." I have seen a great deal of *maturity* among the students this year. That was especially evident in sportsmanship and the attitudes I encountered while preparing for the play. It is good to see that.

The end of this year marks the retirement of Superintendent Birge and our beloved Mr. Eatock, who has been teaching here longer than anyone else has been in this building! We have several new teachers coming in next year, which is always a pleasant challenge to all of us. We will have a new Spanish teacher and two new science teachers. I will be taking over Mr. Eatock's English classes. Someone asked me last week if I was going to be chairman of the English Department. I said "yes" and then realized...heck, I *am* the English Department now! That's a lonely and sobering thought.

I always wonder what to say to the outgoing seniors. My foremost hope is that they remember something of what I have taught them...and what every other teacher here has taught them. The details are not as important as the concepts and the ability to think and reason...and the necessity to continue to mature. By the fourth quarter every year, I start thinking, "Geez, I'll be glad when May comes and this group graduates and gets out of here." That is, no doubt, because of the terminal senioritis that sets in about March every year (September for some). But then I look at the graduates on graduation day and wonder how we will ever be the same without them next year. The truth is that we never are the same--and we shouldn't be. When someone has touched our lives--students, teachers, friends, family--we *should never* be the same after that. Those relationships change us. They help us to know other people and ourselves better. They help us to grow and mature. They make sure, in fact, that we *will* never be the same again. Since *sameness* fosters *boredom*, I guess that is, after all, a good idea.

To all you graduates of 2005: We'll miss you, we love you, and we wish you the best of everything. But don't sit back and wait to have it dropped in your lap. You are all capable to becoming "great" in your own individual ways. Just don't give in to the temptation to be mediocre, or the temptation that you can't be more than you are. During the past four years you have given us laughs, tears, headaches, heartaches, anxiety, and desires to kick your behinds. But you have also given us cause to hope; and that, in the long run, is all there is.

I want personally to thank all those who worked with me on yearbook and drama this past year. Kyle Moore was a great Yearbook Editor/President. He was always ready to help when needed. Johnson Flanagan was a great Drama Club President. All the other members of both clubs were a joy to work with. I look forward to many of them returning next year.

Well, Guys, you are no longer Seniors; you're Graduates. That's a whole new classification. It's also a broader one. It encompasses all that you are, can be, and ever will be. I'm cheering for you!

*As always,  
Mr. DeJaynes*

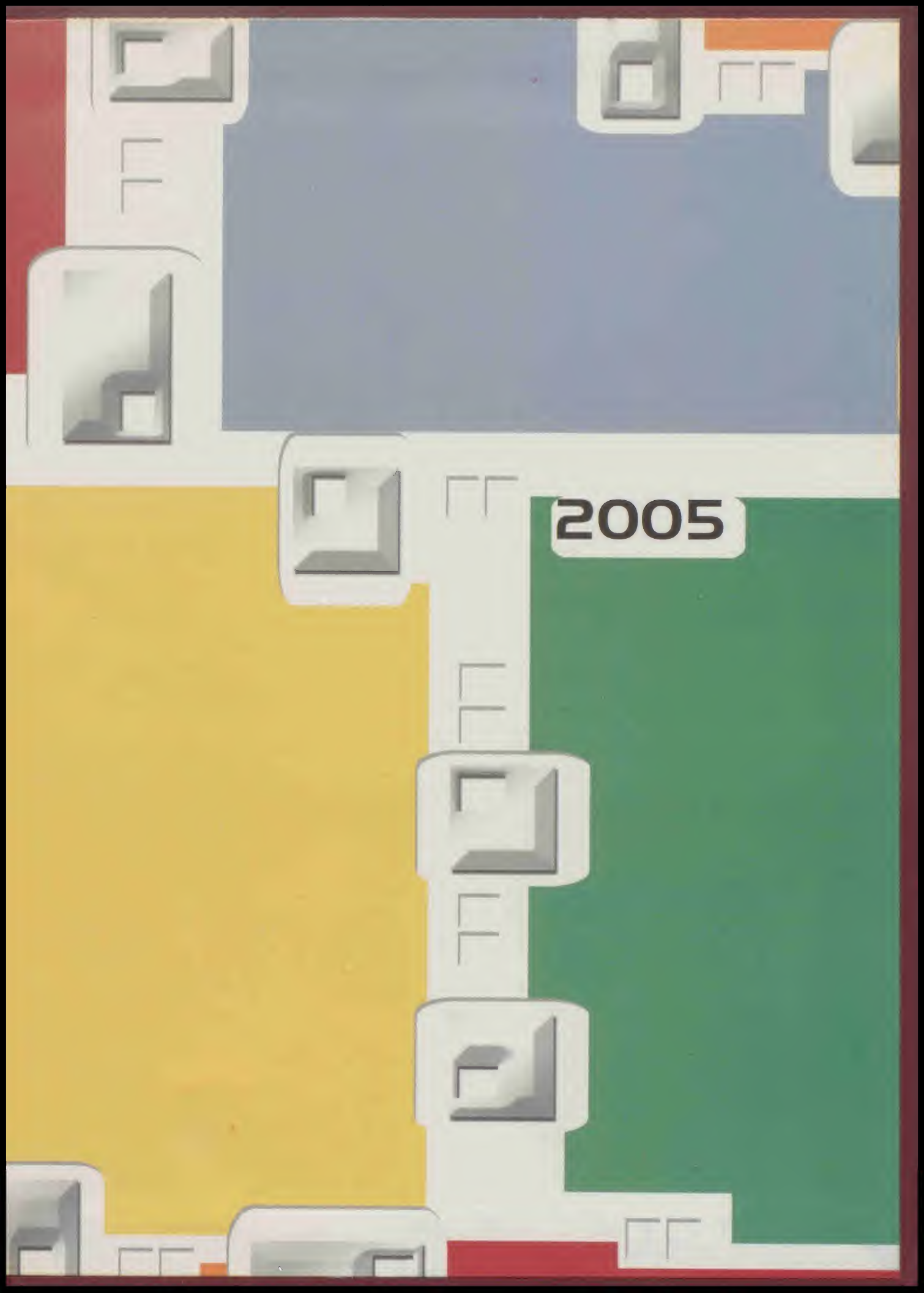












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